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- 1. INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER'S ENGLISH DAILY "SUN" JUNE 13 EDITORIAL ENTITLED "FORMULA DPL" DEFENDS AMBASSADOR AGAINST ALLEDGED "MISTAKES"; CALLS HIM "A MAN OF CONSCIENCE"; SUGGESTS U.S. "RESHAPE AFRICAN POLICIES."
- 2. EXCERPTS: "AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG CONTINUES MAKE MISTAKES THAT ARE OFTEN CATEGORIZED BY WASHINGTON AS UNFORTUNATE FAUX PAS. BUT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPRESSED BY WHIITE SUPREMACISTS, ANDREW YOUNG HAS NOT MADE ANY MISTAKES AT ALL. HE EPITOMISES WHAT THEY ASPIRE TO ACHIEVE AFTER LIBERATING THEIR LAND FROM WHITE MINORITY DICTATORSHIPS. ANDREW YOUNG IS, AFTER ALL, A MAN OF CONSCIENCE. HIS SO-CALLED MISTAKES.... SEEM TO FLOW FROM HIS HEART, NOT FROM FILES IN WASHINGTON. UNCLASSIFIED

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THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION ... HAS CHOSEN TO CHIDE (HIM FOR)
OVER-EMPHASIS ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS. YET PRESIDENT CARTER VALUES
YOUNG'S INROADS INTO ROOTS OF BLACK AFRICAN LEADERSHIP.
....IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR (U.S.) TO RESHAPE ITS POLICIES IN
AFRICA AND SEEK NEW ALIGNMENTS TO AVERT MAJOR CONFLAGRATION.
IN THIS CONTEXT ANDREW YOUNG IS AN IDEAL 'DIPLOMATIC FORMULA'
EVEN AT GREAT RISK OF PERSONAL REBUFF AND RIDICULE TO THE MAN."

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